

JAOA begins Volume 100!

With this issue, JAOA—THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION begins its 100th volume! In January 2001, THE JOURNAL will begin its 100th year. The discrepancy between volume and year came when the volume number (85) was brought into synchronization with the calendar year in January 1985.

The premier issue of JAOA was published in September 1901, and THE JOURNAL has been continuously published since.

A.L. Evans, the first editor, served from 1901 to 1907. Since then, THE JOURNAL has had 11 editors:

- ☐ H.L. Chiles, 1907–1920;
- ☐ Carl P. McConnell, 1920–1922;
- ☐ Cyrus Gaddis, DO, 1922–1931;
- ☐ Ray G. Hulbert, DO, 1931–1947;
- ☐ R.E. Duffell, DO, 1947–1948;
- ☐ Katherine Becker, AB (Acting Editor), 1948–1951;
- ☐ Raymond P. Keesecker, DO, 1951–1960;
- ☐ William E. Brandt, DO (Acting Editor), 1960–1961;
- ☐ George W. Northup, DO, 1961–1987;
- ☐ Thomas Wesley Allen, DO, 1987–1998; and
- ☐ Gilbert E. D'Alonzo, DO, 1998–Present.

These devoted members of the profession have shepherded the JAOA through good and trying times and have been responsible for the well-being of the only fully archived journal of the profession. To them, the profession owes a great debt; THE JOURNAL serves as the main window of osteopathic medicine to the world.

To celebrate the first 100 volumes and the first 100 years of publication of JAOA, the Editor in Chief proposed the republication of articles of special interest and significance in each of the next 24 issues. As one of the associate editors, I was asked to undertake the selection of articles for this project. I then enlisted the aid of Albert F. Kelso, PhD. We spent an intensely interesting time reviewing THE JOURNAL's first 45 years and selecting 12 topics for the first half of the project. I am deeply indebted to Dr Kelso for his patience and wisdom as we navigated the historic rivers represented in these pages.

Reviewing THE JOURNAL was an exciting task. Article styles changed over the years, mirroring the attitudes of what was considered scientific writing. Advertisements showed the changing times. But more important, the osteopathic medical profession can be seen evolving, and while often threatened, always dynamic.

Themes appeared and were debated. Scientific discoveries were reported and integrated into the discussions. The basic tenets of osteopathic medicine were enunciated and refined. A wonderful historic tapestry of a true revolution in thought and practice is presented.

In each of the next 24 issues, in addition to the regular monthly content, we will publish historic articles around a theme. The first 40 years will be covered during 2000 and the next 40 in the subsequent 12 issues in 2001. (The most recent 20 years can be included in the next 100-year retrospective.) In each issue, we will introduce the month's theme and its relevance to the profession.

It is our hope that the resulting panorama will allow students of the profession, old and new, a deeper understanding of their heritage and what it has to offer. For all members of the osteopathic medical profession, we hope that this series strengthens the resolve to continue the grand traditions represented. We intend this retrospective to serve as a fitting springboard to the next 100 years of the osteopathic medical profession.

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